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File: USPT

Dec 21, 1999

US-PAT-NO: 6006222

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6006222 A

TITLE: Method for organizing information

DATE-ISSUED: December 21, 1999

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APPL-NO: 08/ 904795 [\[PALM\]](#)

DATE FILED: August 1, 1997

PARENT-CASE:

RELATED APPLICATION This patent application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending patent application, Ser. No. 08/840,922, filed Apr. 25, 1997, also entitled "Method for Organizing Information."

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US-CL-ISSUED: 707/5; 707/10

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ART-UNIT: 277

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Choules; Jack M.

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ABSTRACT:

A method of organizing information in which the search activity of a user is monitored and such activity is used to organize articles in a subsequent search by the same or another user who enters a similar search query. The invention operates by assigning scores to articles under the key terms in the index. As users enter search queries and select articles, the scores are altered. The scores are then used in subsequent searches to organize the articles that match a search query. As millions of people use the Internet, type in millions of search queries, and display or select from the many articles available over the Internet, the ranks the information available over the Internet through an evolutionary process. The invention includes additional embodiments which incorporate category key terms and rating key terms.

46 Claims, 1 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Apr 8, 1997

US-PAT-NO: 5619713

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5619713 A

TITLE: Apparatus for realigning database fields through the use of a crosspoint switch

DATE-ISSUED: April 8, 1997

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APPL-NO: 08/ 390143 [PALM]

DATE FILED: February 17, 1995

PARENT-CASE:

This is a Continuation of application Ser. No. 07/993,270 filed Feb. 11, 1993, now abandoned, which was a Divisional of application Ser. No. 07/499,844 filed Mar. 27, 1990, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,210,870.

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ART-UNIT: 232

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: An; Meng-Ai T.

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ABSTRACT:

A processor functioning as a coprocessor attached to a central processing complex provides efficient execution of the functions required for database processing: sorting, merging, joining, searching and manipulating fields in a host memory system. The specialized functional units: a memory interface and field extractor/assembler, a Predicate Evaluator, a combined sort/merge/join unit, a hasher, and a microcoded control processor, are all centered around a partitioned Working Store. Each functional unit is pipelined and optimized according to the function it performs, and executes its portion of the query efficiently. All functional units execute simultaneously under the control processor to achieve the desired results. Many different database functions can be performed by chaining simple operations together. The processor can effectively replace the CPU bound portions of complex database operations with functions that run at the maximum memory access rate improving performance on complex queries.

3 Claims, 31 Drawing figures

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TITLE: Operating system and data base having an access structure formed by a plurality of tables

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PARENT-CASE:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS This application is a continuation of Ser. No. 08/029,902, filed Mar. 11, 1993, now abandoned, which is a divisional of Ser. No. 07/968,237, filed Oct. 29, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Ser. No. 07/830,548, filed Jan. 31, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Ser. No. 07/450,298, filed Dec. 13, 1989, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 07/402,862, filed Sep. 1, 1989, now abandoned under the title "OPERATING SYSTEM AND DATA BASE USING TABLE ACCESS METHOD".

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ART-UNIT: 236

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ABSTRACT:

An object access system for retrieving objects in response to requests identifying requested objects, the system comprising an access structure consisting of a plurality of tables where each table is identified by a unique table identifier and has a plurality of rows where each row has a plurality of fields and is identified by a unique primary key in one of the fields and where a field may also contain objects; a row index for each table, each row index having entries ordered on the primary key of the rows in the table where each entry points to a row of fields in the table; a table index ordered on the table identifier for the tables, the table index having an entry for each table which point to the row index for that table and access means, responsive to requests for an object having an associated table identifier and primary key, for searching the table index for the requested table identifier and for retrieving from the table index entry for the requested table identifier the pointer to the row index for the requested table identifier, searching the pointed to row index for the requested primary key and retrieving from the row index entry for the requested primary key the pointer to the row of fields and searching the pointed to row of field for the requested object and retrieving the requested object.

2 Claims, 40 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5440732 A

TITLE: Key-range locking with index trees

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ART-UNIT: 237

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Black; Thomas G.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Von Buhr; Maria N.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Johnston; A. Sidney Born; Joseph H.

ABSTRACT:

A database-management system (10) generates bounded-disorder indexes on its database keys. In such an index, the leaf nodes (51, 62) are large and are divided into a number of buckets (52, 54, 56, 58), only one of which ordinarily is accessed in any given single-record database operation. The key values in a leaf node are distributed among the leaf node's buckets in accordance with a hashing function. The lockable ranges locked for scanning functions are defined in accordance with key-valued locking, in which each lockable range is bounded by successive key values that exist in the database. But the multiple-bucket accesses that would otherwise be required, because of the hash-function distribution of key values among a node's several buckets, are avoided because the lockable ranges are defined by the sequence of key values in the bucket rather than in the node. In addition to the existing key values, moreover, the buckets' key-value limits are also employed to bound lockable ranges, even if no database records contain those key-value limits. This prevents end-of-bucket insertions and deletions from needing further I/O operations in order to identify the lockable ranges that those insertions and deletions modify.

9 Claims, 9 Drawing figures

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